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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In October 2012 the Nursing Commission ended the probation of licensed practical nurse **Susan L. Gelb** (LP00031248).

Clark County

In October 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation of certified nursing assistant **Kelsey Dawn Curtis** (NC60122079).

In October 2012 the Dental Commission ended the probation of dental assistant **Oscar Daniel Nieves** (D160211141).

In October 2012 the Dental Commission ended the probation of dentist **Roger J. Wendel** (DE00004012, CS10000055).

Cowlitz County

In October 2012 the Dental Commission ended the probation of dental assistant **Amber Lee Akin** (D160226465)

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Grant County

In October 2012 the Medical Commission ended a modification order for physician **James R. Irwin** (MD00012703). Dr. Irwin's license is unrestricted in Washington.

King County

In October 2012 the Nursing Commission ended the probation of registered nurse **Roxanne B. Breunig** (RN00161485).

In October 2012 the Dental Commission amended charges against dentist **Kam Derakshani** (DE00007712). He allegedly subjected patients, who were also employees, to unwanted sexual advances and contact, repeatedly and forcibly. He also allegedly touched patients inappropriately during examinations.

In October 2012 the Medical Commission charged physician **Robert C. Gramann** (MD00015053) with unprofessional conduct. The care he provided a patient allegedly fell below the standard during a high-risk pregnancy with twins resulting in the loss of fetuses and death of the mother.

In October 2012 the Nursing Commission entered an agreed order with registered nurse **Virginia Hadley** (RN00064544) and placed her license on probation for two years. She didn't properly assess and respond to a patient who collapsed resulting in patient harm and must comply with conditions including completion of 32 hours of coursework and submitting quarterly reports.

In October 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program released registered nursing assistant **Mekdes Mekonenn Haile** (NA00170503) from an agreed order that included paying a fine and completing six hours of coursework.

In October 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Laura L. Howe** (NC10067125) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly neglected and abandoned a client who was a vulnerable adult.

In October 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Jay Richard Parker** (CP00002951) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include practicing and billing outside the scope of his license, not maintaining adequate records, and using a treatment program not approved under law.

In October 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Danielle Laurene Shear** (NC10079198) with unprofessional conduct. She was found guilty of theft – welfare fraud, perjury, and false verification for public assistance.

Kitsap County

In October 2012 the Occupational Therapy Practice Board entered an agreed order with occupational therapist **Maryellen Boisen** (OT00001900), also known as Mary Ellen Meadows. She altered a prescription and tried to have it filled. She was charged with obtaining a controlled

substance by fraud or forged prescription, and has two convictions for driving under the influence. She agreed to pay a \$5,000 fine and enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program.

In October 2012 the Dental Commission ended the probation of dental assistant **Jean Lynn Robbins**, also known as Jean Lynn Curry (D160032708).

Lewis County

In October 2012 the Examining Board of Psychology charged **Richard T. Kennedy** (PY00001919) with unprofessional conduct. The treatment he provided allegedly fell below the standard by not maintaining appropriate boundaries with a patient.

Pacific County

In October 2012 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Mary J. Zabilski** (RN00074121) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include not completing shift change reports, leaving a partially dressed female patient alone with a male employee, disclosing confidential information about a patient, and not accounting for controlled medication during her shift. It's also alleged she didn't properly dispose of needles, performed duties outside her scope of practice, and didn't confirm proper medication dosing for a patient resulting in patient harm.

Pend Oreille County

In October 2012 the Mental Health Counselor Program granted the application of mental health counselor associate **Nancy M. Ashburn** (MC60306312) and required that she enroll and participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. She was found guilty on four counts of driving under the influence.

Skagit County

In October 2012 the Nursing Commission ended the probation of registered nurse **Teresa M. Eilers** (RN00120953).

Snohomish County

In October 2012 the Dental Hygienist Program entered an agreed order with **Lynn Allison Clendenen** (DH00002021) and placed her license on probation for two years. She provided dental hygiene services to patients without the supervision of a dentist.

In October 2012 the Board of Hearing and Speech released hearing instrument fitter/dispenser **David Allen Hubbard** (HA60072872) from an order that set conditions against his license.

In October 2012 the Nursing Commission entered an agreed order with licensed practical nurse **Sean Gabriel Little** (LP00038826). He diverted legend drugs from his workplace for his own use. He must comply with conditions that include enrolling and participating in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Whatcom County

In October 2012 the Veterinary Board of Governors charged veterinarian **Peter M. Rule** (VT00006654) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include diverting drugs for his own use, physically and psychologically abusing patients, aiding and abetting unlicensed practice, not providing patient records upon request, providing veterinary care that fell below the standard, and leaving the clinic when patients were under sedation and recovering from surgery.

In October 2012 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Stephanie Nichole Snyder** (D160306396) and placed conditions against her registration that include enrolling in a substance abuse monitoring program. She pleaded guilty to negligent driving and had six citations for violating her court-ordered probation.

Yakima County

In October 2012 the Board of Pharmacy ended the probation of pharmacist **Roger L. Bovey** (PH00019789).

Out of State

Arizona: In October 2012 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician assistant **Erin L. Moffett** (PA60275063) on probation for two years. She was placed on probation and reprimanded in Arizona for writing prescriptions for her own use under another physician assistant's name.

Michigan: In October 2012 the Board of Physical Therapy granted the application of physical therapist applicant **Laura Ruth Fisher** (PT60208969). She was convicted of deadly conduct and driving while intoxicated. She must comply with conditions that include enrolling in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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